



ST. IGNATIUS

213 W Franklin St
Spring Valley, MN 55975



ST. FINBARR

504 1st St SW
Grand Meadow, MN 55936



ST. PATRICK

436 W Main St
LeRoy, MN 55951

MARCH 8, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Mass Schedule

Tues, Mar 10	6:00 PM	St. Finbarr	Mariah Snyder
Wed, Mar 11	8:30 AM	St. Patrick	Gene Miller
Thur, Mar 12	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Russ Betsinger
Fri, Mar 13	8:30 AM	St. Ignatius	† Frank & Theresa Weisinger
Sat, Mar 14	5:00 PM	St. Patrick	† Richard & Matthew Kruse
Sun, Mar 15	8:30 AM	St. Finbarr	† Marvin Gehling
Sun, Mar 15	10:30 AM	St. Ignatius	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Adoration & Confession

Wed	9:00-9:30 AM	Adoration	St. Patrick
Thur	9:00 AM-7:00 PM	Adoration	St. Ignatius
	6:15 PM	Benediction	St. Ignatius
1 st Sat	9:00 AM	Confession	St. Ignatius
Sat	4:15-4:45 PM	Confession	St. Patrick
Sun	8:00-8:20 AM	Confession	St. Finbarr

Or Confession by appointment. Call Father Parrott at the office or Father Collins (LeRoy, 507-289-7637).

Infant Baptism

Reach out to Father to arrange your child's baptism as soon as possible, even before the birth. A baptism preparation is required for first-time parents.

Matrimony

Recently engaged? Contact Father soon to prepare for this holy union. Marriage preparation (meetings with Father, with a mentor couple, and a usually a Pre-Cana retreat) is required for at least six months before your wedding.

OCIA

Everyone is invited to follow Christ in the Catholic Church. Call the office to inquire about becoming Catholic. OCIA meets at St. Ignatius on most Thursdays at 6:45 pm.

Care of the Sick

For Holy Communion for you or a family member who can no longer come to Mass, contact the office. Any who are gravely ill or in danger of death should be anointed. The Anointing of the Sick cannot be given after death.

From Father's Desk

We are blessed to have Bishop Barron here with us this Sunday at the St. Ignatius Mass. I personally am grateful to the Bishop for celebrating the ceremony of installing me as your pastor. Every parish priest is an extension of the bishop, and really only exercises the bishop's ministry. So to see this reality acted out in the installation ritual is impactful. Pray for Bishop Barron and his ministry throughout our diocese. The work of a bishop is necessary and important, and can have its challenges. And pray also for me, so that I can effectively be a good pastor for all of you, as I strive to be.

I want to thank the young men who have been serving for these bigger Masses with the Bishop or at special holidays. It is edifying to see their efforts, and to have more solemn ceremonies. Please make sure to thank or compliment them. And think about which young men in our parishes might be called by the Lord to be His priests, and encourage them to consider what the Lord is asking them.

How's your Lent going? I hope you've been finding it to be fruitful, this annual retreat with our Lord. I don't know what I'm going to do for dinner on Fridays now that the two fish fry meals are done. They both went well and were very good. Once again, a profound thank you to everyone who makes them happen. It's a lot of work, I and the whole parish communities appreciate your efforts at both St. Ignatius and St. Finbarr.

Next weekend is the St. Patrick Irish Festival in LeRoy. Please come and celebrate the patronal feast day of the parish on our southern side of the cluster. It's great when we can show up for each other. St. Patrick's feast day is March 17. He was a great saint, and he spurred the Irish people to become great evangelists for our Lord. For centuries, it was the Irish missionaries who went throughout Europe reinvigorating the faith. You can also be thankful to the Irish priest missionaries who at a crucial time in change in the Church made the Sacrament of Penance much easier and more common to celebrate. No more wearing sackcloth in church or long pilgrimages in order to receive absolution. Private fasting, almsgiving to the poor, or reciting some Psalms became more common.

St. Patrick himself has a fascinating history. Growing up in a Roman-controlled area of Britain, he was taken into slavery around 16 years of age, for six years. It was during this time that he grew in his faith. (This is seen often enough with many saints. St. Ignatius of Loyola had his conversion while recovering from a leg wound in a hospital. Times of imprisonment or illness spur internal reflection, which leads them to encounter the Lord.) St. Patrick became a great bishop, of course, and the world is indebted to his great work in Ireland.

In Christ,
Fr. Parrott

St. Ignatius

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, March 15

Greeters: Lee & Teri Hill
Gifts: Chari Kruegel & De Vreeman
EMHC: Rosann Sanford & Joanie Betsinger
Reader: Candis Wiste
Servers: None
Ushers: Paul Klockeman & Joe Mulhern
Counters: Mulhern & Arndorfer

Offering from March 1 – Week 35

Weekly Support:	\$	1,003.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$	1,980.00
YTD Support Received:	\$	60,747.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$	82,206.00

Announcements

- Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life will be taking orders for Easter Lilies after Mass through March 15. Suggested donation is \$20.00.
- The VFW Auxiliary is hosting a breakfast today, 8:00am-12:30pm at the VFW Hall in Spring Valley. Free will donation. All proceeds will be donated to the Fisher House of Minnesota, where military & veteran families can stay free while a loved one is hospitalized.
- The Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, March 10. Supper at 6 PM with meeting to follow.

*“Our prayers become effective through
almsgiving; life is redeemed from
dangers by almsgiving; souls are
delivered from death by almsgiving.”*

St. Cyprian of Carthage



Faith Formation

St. Finbarr		
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	Mar 11, 18
St. Patrick		
Class	6:45-7:45 PM	Mar 11, 18
St. Ignatius		
Class	9:00-10:20 AM	Mar 8, 15
Confirmation Class	6:45-7:45 PM	Mar 11, 18

St. Finbarr

Liturgy Schedule – Sunday, March 15

Opener: Becky Oehlke
EMHC: Becky Oehlke & Nicole Meyerhofer
Reader: Susan Baldus
Servers: Brody Meyerhofer & Chael Stier
Ushers: Al Stier & Lon Baldus
Counters: Clint Weiss & Lori Stier

Offering from March 1 – Week 35

Weekly Support:	\$ 1,015.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,646.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 90,515.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 59,941.00



Stations of the Cross

Tuesdays	6:00 pm	St. Finbarr
Thursdays	6:15 pm	St. Ignatius
Fridays	5:30 pm	St. Patrick

St. Patrick

Liturgy Schedule – Saturday, March 14

Greeters: David & Gladys Kasel
Gifts: Loren & Penny Rickerl
EMHC: Mike Arndorfer
Reader: Cathy Yoch
Servers: Cathia & Maria Almaraz-Nolt
Ushers: Paul Yoch & Mike Welsh
Counters: Travis Lewis & Jim Yoch

Offering from February 28 – Week 35

Weekly Support:	\$ 900.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses:	\$ 1,365.00
YTD Support Received:	\$ 60,030.00
YTD Expenses Paid:	\$ 61,560.00

Announcements

- Our annual Irish Festival will be Sunday, March 15, 11am-2pm. Mulligan Stew Dinner “all you can eat”, Hamburger or hotdog with chips. Silent Auction, Bake Sale & Crafts, Bingo. Games for all ages. Carry-outs available. If anyone would like to donate toward the meat or a silent auction item, contact Elaine at 507-440-0674 or elainemills55@gmail.com. Sign up sheets are in the back of church.
- The LeRoy Ministerial Society’s annual L.A.M.A. Luau is Sunday, March 8 11:30am to 1:00pm. Ody’s pulled pork, kids’ games, and door prizes. Free will donations go to the LeRoy Area Food Shelf.

Community News

- There will be a second collection next week for Catholic Relief Services. This collection provides funding for many CRS activities including Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.
- Women’s Lenten Retreat, Made For More! Sponsored by Diocesan Catholic Council of Women, Saturday, March 21, 9am-3pm at St. Theodore Church, Albert Lea. Keynote speaker Elizabeth Leon. The day will include Mass, reflection, reconciliation and refreshments. \$50 per person. Obtain registration form - call or email Joanne Tibodeau at 507-373-1646 or jjt@sttheo.org. Download form at <https://sttheo.org>. All are welcome!
- Registration is open for the annual young women’s Discernment Day, Open Hearts. Explore the beauty of religious life, meet religious women who are responding to God’s loving invitation to total consecration, and encounter different religious communities. Lourdes High School, Rochester, 9am-5pm, Saturday, March 21. \$30 registration fee; open to all young women.
- Journey with us to prepare for Easter. Take time to reflect and grow by listening to Real Presence Radio. Local programming offers conversations, teachings, and stories. Tune in to 970 AM in Austin/Rochester or listen online at RealPresenceRadio.com.
- OCIA (the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) will meet Thursdays at 7:00 pm at St. Ignatius.
- Courier: The March edition is available on the Diocese of Winona-Rochester website dowr.org, click “The Courier.”
- Mass Intentions can be given to Father Parrott. The customary stipend is \$10. Please indicate the name(s) and whether they’re deceased.
- Bulletin & Announcements: Please e-mail Mary with bulletin items by 9 AM Wednesdays. Announcements by 9 AM Thursdays. Subject to edit and Father’s discretion.

Prayer Chain

Please keep the following sick, hospitalized & homebound parishioners and friends in your prayers.

Dorothy Steinkamp – St. Finbarr

Lori Brogan – St. Finbarr

Cheri Jose

Sandy Stern

Joanne Hampel

Jason Emanuel

All Troops especially those in the Middle East

Jerry Marr – St. Ignatius

Don Mulhern – St. Ignatius

Lee Hill – St. Ignatius

Jane Reineke – St. Ignatius

Bob & Margaret Cole

Diane Reineke

Eric Hadland

Sharon Hammon – St. Patrick

Kurt Fuhrmann Jr. – St. Patrick

Jodi Miller – St. Patrick

Crystal Stern – St. Patrick

David Geary

Karen Sanford

If you know someone who needs to be included in the prayer chain, email their name to Mary in the office.